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SUBJECT: "GREENS" AND "RAINBOWS" SET UP SHOP IN BAVARIA

1. ON JULY 8 THE "GREEN LIST, BAVARIA; FEDERATION OF FREE VOTERS" ESTABLISHED A VOTERS ORGANIZATION (WAHLVEREIN) IN FREISING. THIS "GREEN LIST," WHICH IS, IN FACT, A ROOF ORGANIZATION EMBRACING THE ACTION GROUP TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION (AKTIONSGEMEINSCHAFT GEBIETSREFORM) AND THE ACTION GROUP "FOURTH PARTY," WILL CONTEST THE BAVARIAN LANDTAG ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 15.

2. A LOOK AT THE NAMES OF SOME OF THE GROUP'S 34 FOUNDING MEMBERS SUGGESTS THAT THE "GREEN LIST" IS COMPOSED OF POLITICAL CONSERVATIVES FROM DIVERGENT BACKGROUNDS. AMONG THE CHARTER MEMBERS ARE FORMER CSU MEMBERS, OLD NATIONAL LIBERALS FROM THE FDP OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES, FORMER BAVARIA PARTY (BAYERNPARTEI) MEMBERS, A FARMER WHO OPPOSES
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NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AND A FORMER SPD SMALL TOWN MAYOR. ASIDE FROM ADVOCATING "A SLIMMING CURE FOR THE CSU" AND REJECTING POLITICAL EXTREMISTS, THE "GREENS" HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET PUT FORTH A SPECIFIC PROGRAM.

3. ON THE VERY SAME DAY, HERR KLAUS MEYER, AN OUTSPOKEN OPPONENT OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, ESTABLISHED A RAINBOW

LIST (MEYER CALLS THE GROUP "DIE BUNTEN") IN NUREMBERG. IN CONTRAST TO THE "GREENS," MEYER INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A NEW OPPOSITION ON THE LEFT MADE UP OF "BASIS GROUPS" (SIC), CITIZENS' INITIATIVES, WOMEN'S GROUPS, HOMOSEXUAL GROUPS, ANTI-NUCLEAR POWER PLANT INITIATIVES, AND STUDENTS. MEYER AND HIS ASSOCIATES - WE DO NOT KNOW THEIR NAMES OR NUMBER - HAVE CALLED FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE HAMBURG "BUNTEN."

4. MEYER HAS CALLED OPENLY FOR SUPPORT FROM THE JUSOS AND JUDOS. A BAVARIAN JUSO SPOKESMAN HAS REPLIED SAYING THAT THE JUSOS ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE SPD TO THE LEFT THAN THEY ARE ABOUT THE "RAINBOWS" PROSPECTS IN BAVARIA.

5. COMMENT. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE BAVARIAN "GREENS" ARE A MOTLEY LOT OF DISGRUNTLED, HAS-BEEN CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL FIGURES PLUS A FEW PERSONS WITH GRIPEs ABOUT THE BAVARIAN TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION OF THE MID 1970'S. ALTHOUGH WE LACK CONCRETE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOVING SPIRITS AMONG THE "RAINBOWS," OUR HUNCH IS THAT THEY TOO LACK EXCITING NEW PERSONALITIES WHO COULD GENERATE A GROUNDSWELL OF SUPPORT.

6. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF THE "GREENS" AND "RAINBOWS" CAUGHT FIRE HERE, THE TWO GROUPS COULD DO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RATHER POORLY IN OCTOBER YET STILL EXERT SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON BAVARIAN POLITICS. THE FDP WON ONLY 5.2 PERCENT IN THE 1974 LANDTAG ELECTION. IF THE "GREENS" AND "RAINBOWS" WERE TO CAPTURE AS LITTLE AS A TOTAL OF ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE VOTE, THEY COULD, IF PART OF THAT VOTE CAME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FDP, PUSH THE FDP BELOW THE FIVE PERCENT MARK. BETTS

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